

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

[0017] In order to ensure clear separation of the two facing contact edges of the two roof elements without pinching, in another embodiment of the invention, it is provided that the slider is ~~displaceable~~ displaceable essentially perpendicular to the plane of the assigned roof element between the inserted position in which the facing contact edges of the two roof elements lie in the same plane, and an extended position in which these contact edges are vertically offset relative to one another and can be locked in these positions. The ~~displacement~~ displacement of the slider takes place via a separate drive that also produces locking of the slider in the two end positions.

Please amend paragraph [0035] as follows:

[0035] To open the vehicle roof 2, first, the slider 42 is moved into its extended position (Figure 5) and the rear roof element 6 is raised. In doing so, the roof element 6 is guided by the connecting rod 28 in the rear area. The roof element 4 and the roof element 6 now have a mutual position in which the roof element 4 and the roof element 6 can be pushed. Then, the connecting rod mechanism 10 is swung to the rear by means of an actuator 56 which engages, for example, the front mechanism connecting rod 16, the front roof element 4 describing an arc to the rear and being pushed under the rear roof element 6, as shown by Figure 6. Figure 7 shows a position in which the front roof element 4 is in an overlapped relationship with respect to the rear roof element 6. In further swinging of the connecting rod mechanism 10 to the rear, the two roof elements are deposited together in the trunk 14, as shown by Figure 8. In order to ensure clear separation of the two facing contact edges of the two roof elements without pinching, it is provided that the slider is displaceable essentially perpendicular to the plane of the assigned roof element between the inserted position (Figure 4) in which the facing contact edges of the two roof elements lie in the same plane, and the extended position (Figure 5) in which these contact edges are vertically offset relative to one another and can be locked in these positions. The displacement of the slider takes place via a separate drive D that also produces locking of the slider in the two end positions.